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TAGS: EWWT, CA, EGEN
SUBJECT: ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY - PROPOSED INCREASE IN TOLLS

1. MEDIA REACTION TO PROPOSED INCREASE IN ST. LAWRENCE
SEAWAY TOLLS BY CANADIAN SHIPPERS AND USERS OF SEAWAY
HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY CRITICAL WITH PREDICTIONS THAT 135
MILLION BUSHELS OF AMERICAN GRAIN COULD EASILY BE DIRECTED
DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI SYSTEM AND THAT PRICE INCREASES IN
THE SYSTEM ALWAYS DRIVE CARGO AWAY.

2. STUART ARMOUR, PRESIDENT OF GREAT LAKES WATERWAYS
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, IS QUOTED AS BELIEVING CANADIANS
WITH SEAWAY INTEREST ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE COMPARED WITH
U.S. COUNTERPARTS IN LACKING A FORMAL AVENUE IN WHICH TO
EXPRESS THEIR DISCONTENT WITH HIGHER TOLLS.

3. ONLY OFFICIAL COMMENT SO FAR IS FROM PAUL NORMANDEAU,
PRESIDENT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY, WHO
SAID NEGOTIATING PARTIES ON BOTH U.S. AND CANADIAN SIDES
HAD PAID ATTENTION TO PROTESTS OF MERIT FROM SEAWAY
USERS, BUT CANADIAN SEAWAY OFFICIALS, AT ANY RATE,
REMAINED UNSHAKEN IN THEIR CONVICTION THAT HIGHER TOLLS
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ON WATERWAY WILL NOT CAUSE ANY REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC
THROUGH THE SYSTEM. HE ALSO NOTED THAT PROPOSED INCREASE
IS NOT EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE IN RELATION TO OTHER COST
INCREASES THAT SHIPPING INTERESTS HAVE HAD TO BEAR.
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